

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 9-11, 20 and 22 are under consideration in the application. Support for the amendments can be found in the claims as originally filed and throughout the specification. The foregoing amendments are made without prejudice, without intent to abandon any originally claimed subject matter and without intent to acquiesce in any rejection of record.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 13, 2006, Applicants elect without traverse the invention of Group II drawn to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 32 (encoded by the polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 31). Applicants make this election without prejudice to pursuing non-elected subject matter in later applications. Upon allowance of product claims, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of related process claims under 37 CFR §1.104.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested as soon as possible. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, or if further discussion would expedite allowance of the claims, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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